DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

July 1970 - June 1973

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most of them reflecting reading interests and tastes of school age boys and girls. The nucleus of a strong collection is present. Our Extension Department and Miss Coskey are working on both projects.

CATALOG DEPARTMENT

The staff and I are experimenting with a new machine, a Flexowriter, perhaps best described as being able to perform "power typing" or "draft and replay typing." The equipment offers handsome dimensions in typing: speed, accuracy, original copy and savings in time, labor and materials. Much of what we do in the Catalog Department involves typing of catalog cards; at best, a time consuming, laborious and repetitive practice. The point of the whole operation is simply to speed up the flow of books and their catalog cards from the department to the shelves and for use by the public and staff. I have not made any attempt to describe the machine and its operation. It would be to our advantage, yours and mine, if however I could show you, at some convenient time, the Flexowriter and what it is doing for us.

Mrs. Zetta Walker, a public library trainee, sponsored by the West Virginia Library Commission, has been assigned effective July 1, 1970, to the Kanawha County Public Library for her one-year period of internship. Mrs. Walker is a former resident of Normantown, West Virginia, graduate of Marshall University, teacher and mother of two teen-age children.

CIRCULATION DEPARTMENT

Upon request of Mr. Lysander Dudley, Commissioner, Department of Commerce, permission was granted to a camera crew from Wheeling to film

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the library. The purpose of the movie, promoted by the department and paid for by a utility, promotes and highlights many of the educational and cultural institutions in West Virginia and would be made available for viewing to interested business, industry and organizations not residents of this state.

EXTENSION DEPARTMENT

Miss Jacqueline Fulks of South Charleston, West Virginia, is another Public Library Trainee sponsored by the West Virginia Library Commission who is taking her training at the Kanawha County Public Library. Miss Fulks is a resident of Kanawha County, graduate of Glenville State College and a former math teacher.

ST. ALBANS

Mr. William A. Heavener, architect on the proposed second-story addition to the St. Albans Branch, recently completed preliminary drawings. Meetings are being planned for presentation to and consideration by a committee of the Library Board.

The Annual St. Albans Town Fair appears to have been another artistic and financial success. Preliminary reports indicate that a net revenue of approximately $14,000 was made.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicholas Winnick

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR

FOR

AUGUST 1970

We have been informed by the West Virginia Library Commission that our Basic Grants-In-Aid have been increased an additional $12,646.00 from 10 cents per capita to 15 cents per capita. The new "Basic Cash Grant," made possible by the Library Services and Construction Act, now totals $37,939.00 for the 1970/1971 fiscal year. Recommendations for the expenditure of these funds will be submitted by the Library Director to the Library Board's Budget Committee for consideration.

In addition, the Kanawha County Public Library has been awarded, by the West Virginia Library Commission, a "Personnel Training Grant" in the amount of $800.00. The money is to be used for any of the following purposes: sending staff and library board members to institutes, conferences (including the one sponsored by the West Virginia Library Association scheduled to be held in The Greenbrier on November 5, 6 and 7, 1970,) and workshops, or on visit to outstanding public libraries (last year, you will recall, the Wood County Public Library Board of Directors visited this institution and met with its Board of Directors.)

Currently, the West Virginia Library Commission is funding four (4) public library trainees at $540.00 monthly for 10 months. Two of the young ladies, sponsored by the Commission, are interning at

the Kanawha County Public Library and following graduation from an accredited library school are committed to return to West Virginia, not necessarily Kanawha County Public Library. The third and fourth trainees are sponsored by this institution; one is at the University of Kentucky to study cataloging, and the other, a future children's librarian, began her professional career on September 1, 1970. The public library trainee program for the fiscal year 1970/1971 has a grant value of $21,600.00. The sum of financial assistance totals $60,339.00.

Recently, I wrote to Mr. Norman L. Fagan, Executive Director of the West Virginia Arts and Humanities Council and inquired about the Margery Clark painting of the former Kanawha County Public Library and Capitol Annex Building. He said, in part,:

> "...The painting you refer to is called 'Past History,' and was executed by Margery Clark, a Charleston artist. It is part of the permanent state collection of West Virginia and is currently valued at $200.00.
>
> "The Arts and Humanities Council will be most happy to place this painting on loan with the Kanawha County Public Library. Your insurance and security arrangements appear to be most satisfactory.
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> "I am sorry I can't tell you exactly how long we can let you have it, because the permanent state collection is scheduled for its premiere showing during October, 1970. If we did have to bring it in, for this exhibition, we could return it to you again when the show closes.
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> "The painting now resides at the Huntington Galleries and I will make arrangements to have it brought to you in the very near future..."

BOYS AND GIRLS DEPARTMENT

Mrs. Frances Lucinda Fontaine, formerly of South Bend, Indiana

and a recent graduate of West Virginia State College, is another of our public library trainees.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS

The building superintendent reported that the second of two fire alarm system service contract inspections were made. Inspections are made in March and September of each year.

CATALOG DEPARTMENT

A total of 2,181 books were processed and added to the collection which numbers 304,373 volumes.

EXTENSION DEPARTMENT

Mobilibrary schedules, previously printed commercially, were prepared by the staff and printed on our offset duplicator purchased with federal funds. The savings in cost was substantial; estimated to be nearly $200.00.

Respectfully submitted,

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR

FOR

SEPTEMBER 1970

A new season in a series of monthly programs entitled KANAWHA COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY PRESENTS is scheduled to begin on Thursday evening, October 15, 1970, in The John V. Ray Room. Speakers, Charles H. Haden, II, State Tax Commissioner, and James H. Davis, III, a member of the Citizens Advisory Commission on the Legislature, will discuss the following:

Legislative Improvement Amendment
Governor's Succession Amendment
Capitation Tax Amendment

The program is sponsored by the League of Women Voters of the Charleston Area in cooperation with the Kanawha County Public Library. Mrs. T. D. Kauffelt, Vice President of the League of Women Voters of West Virginia, will serve as moderator.

You will recall that the programs were begun in April, 1967 when Dolly Sherwood presented a series of poetry readings.

The West Virginia Arts and Humanities Council has placed, on temporary loan, Margery Clark's painting entitled, "Past History." It is an oil-acrylic of the former Capitol Annex and Kanawha County Public Library Building. Mr. Fagan, the Council's Executive Director, tells me that the painting "resides at the Huntington Galleries." Perhaps he could be convinced to permit us to hold the painting indefinitely. Many of us have an affection for a building occupied by this institution from 1926 to November, 1966.

CATALOG DEPARTMENT

A total of 3,174 books were processed and added to the collection which numbers 306,790 volumes.

In my report of July, 1970 I mentioned briefly an experiment which I had hoped would speed up the flow of books and their catalog cards from the department to the shelves and their use by the public and staff. The equipment, perhaps best described as an "automatic typewriter," performed adequately. Unfortunately, the perforated catalog cards were the cause of problems and delays. Afterwards, living through the experience of some three months, we were convinced that our present method of operation of using printed slips and microfilming were the quickest, easiest and cheapest route to good processing service.

CIRCULATION DEPARTMENT

Miss Figgatt has informed me that two of the most talked about exhibits, which help to attract people into the library, were the picture history of West Virginia University and the display of rare books; particularly a signed copy of a book illustrated by Picasso.

EXTENSION DEPARTMENT

Mr. Charlton Smith, this institution's first public library trainee, joined our staff in September, 1970. Mr. Smith is a librarian of many responsibilities; work with the visually and physically handicapped readers and as an Extension Department librarian, he will reach out into the community and relate the public library to people as individuals and members of organizations. He will, in other words, go out to seek "business" as opposed to "stay-at-home" and wait for business to come to the library.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicholas Winnicki

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR

FOR

OCTOBER 1970

In my report for July, 1970 I stated that Mayor Dodson and the City of Charleston had made it possible for the library to purchase gasoline for its Mobilibrary and for its truck at a cost considerably less than pump price. I reported that a substantial savings was certain. Our records indicate a net savings to-date of $111.26 or 25.2% over a similar period of the previous year (July through October).

Permission has been granted for the third consecutive year to the Charleston Downtown Association for the use of the library's Loewenstein Plaza and steps on Saturday, November 21, 1970. Following the annual Christmas parade, St. Claus will meet and greet his admirers. The group assumes all responsibility for damages and clean-up afterwards.

BOYS AND GIRLS DEPARTMENT

One of children's most popular story book characters had a birthday party recently. Babar the elephant, created by Jean de Brunhoff, the talented French artist and story teller, was remembered by the staff on his 40th birthday. They arranged an interesting and handsome exhibit consisting of a paper mache birthday cake topped with a cast of characters from the Brunhoff collection. A collection of Babar the elephant puppets was also on display.

Miss Brown reported that 390 children and 44 adults visited the department to get acquainted with the building, children's books, reading, story hour and the staff.

CATALOG DEPARTMENT

A total of 2,010 books were processed and added to the collection which numbers 308,112 volumes.

EXTENSION DEPARTMENT

Mrs. Miller reported that collections of books, each consisting of nearly 100 popular fiction and non-fiction titles, have been placed on loan in the senior citizen centers at Parkland in South Charleston, Village Apartments in St. Albans, and in Lee Terrace in Charleston.

ST. ALBANS BRANCH

The Board of Directors of the St. Albans Public Library was honored by the West Virginia Library Association at its Annual Conference held in White Sulphur Springs on November 5-7, 1970 at the Greenbrier Hotel. A Certificate of Merit and Citation were presented on November 6, 1970 and accepted by Mr. H. B. Hinckley, its President.

The Certificate of Merit reads as follows:

"West Virginia Library Association
Hereby Confers On
Board of Directors
St. Albans Public Library
In Recognition and Appreciation
Of Many Years Of
Outstanding and Dedicated Service
To Libraries and Librarianship
In
West Virginia

Robert D. Willets
President

November 6, 1970
Date

Nicholas Winowich
Chairman, Awards Committee"

The Citation reads as follows:

"BOARD OF DIRECTORS

"ST. ALBANS PUBLIC LIBRARY

"Awards and recognitions, traditionally, have been presented by the West Virginia Library Association to Trustees, Librarians and Authors who have served their constituency, profession and readership with dignity, with dedication and with distinction.

"Tonight, for the first time, we recognize a group of people who have made a remarkable contribution to libraries and librarianship in West Virginia. Representatives of that group are among us tonight.

"Members of the Board of Directors of the St. Albans Public Library converted a dream of many years' standing into reality. Their spirit and energy helped to construct a handsome and functional building in 1963. A second-story is soon to be added. But that is the end of the tale. Let us go back to the beginning.

"In 1952, the Board of Directors of the St. Albans Public Library was organized. In 1953, the first library building was opened. And, in that same year, the Board conceived an idea which has done much to generate an enthusiasm for books, reading, and library use - an annual Town Fair was held for the benefit of the St. Albans Public Library. This idea has been widely copied by other organizations, but seldom have they equalled the financial success of the Town Fair.

"Individual names cannot be mentioned because many have accomplished much. It is enough to say that this special award is offered and presented by the West Virginia Library Association.

"To the men and women of the
St. Albans Public Library Board
of Directors who have 'More mountains
to cross and other streams to ford.'"

Respectfully submitted,

Nicholas Winowith

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR

FOR

NOVEMBER 1970

Pearl S. Buck made a surprise visit to Kanawha County Public Library on Monday morning, November 16, 1970, where at 10:30 a.m. she spoke to a Standing Room Only audience. Arrangements for the appearance of Miss Buck were completed at a late hour the night before (Sunday). The Marshall University tragedy forced a change in plans and her appearance in Charleston was made earlier than scheduled.

Miss Buck spoke for 40 minutes on the importance of the public library as an institution, Chinese education, the Chinese language, and her family's residence in Hillsboro which was recently placed on the National Register for Historical Buildings by the U. S. Department of the Interior.

Afterwards, pictures were taken and a group of color slides were presented to the Kanawha County Public Library which I should like to show.

The second in the current series of Kanawha County Public Library Presents programs was held on November 19, 1970, in The John V. Ray Room. Mrs. Phares Reeder reviewed Jerome Hines' book, This Is My Story, This Is My Song.

The corridor Gallery, Fourth Floor is the scene of our current art show by the Artist Members of National League of American Pen Women, Charleston Branch. Artists represented include: Mrs. Mary Black, Mrs. Barbara Blumberg, Mrs. Frances Schepman, Mrs. Helen Bratt, Mrs. Blanche Lawson, Miss Marie Leet, Mrs. Agnes Daugherty, Mrs. Carol Toth, Mrs. Mary McMinn, Mrs. Susan Poffenbarger, Mrs. Rosalie Johnson and Mrs. Esther Forsley. Arrangements for the exhibit were made by Mr. Simmons, of our staff, in cooperation with the Charleston Art Gallery, Sunrise.

BOYS AND GIRLS DEPARTMENT

We're very pleased and quite proud to be recognized for having a very large, and without exception, an outstanding collection of children's books in the State of West Virginia. On November 9, 1970, ten Jackson County elementary school teachers visited the department to examine the book collection as well as to consult with Miss Brown on the purchase of $20,000 worth of books. Within hours the money was spent. The teachers liked what they saw, were pleased with what they did and promised to return if the superintendent of schools would arrange for another working visit.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS

We're "buttoned down," as my building superintendent might say, so far as being ready for winter. The fountain has been drained; however, the sculpture seems to have developed a coat of rust. My artist and sculpture friends talk of patina and green - which "we ain't got." My ecological friends cite air and water pollution as being the cause of something undesirable. My scientist friends tell me that bronze is not supposed to rust. In the meantime, we have suggested to ourselves the possibility of using a soft wire brush on the sculpture to restore the natural color and beauty of bronze.

CATALOG DEPARTMENT

A total of 2,369 books were processed and added to the collection which numbers 310,203 volumes.

CIRCULATION DEPARTMENT

Our messenger service is handled capably by Mr. Robert Henson who also serves as Mobilibrary driver on Saturdays. In November, Bob was responsible for the return of 236 books having a combined value of $1,066.03. In

addition, nine books were reported lost and the $42.78 was paid. Fines totaling $84.25 were collected. Our costs including gross monthly salary and gasoline expenses reached a modest expenditure of $369.63. Compared with values received, $1,193.06, this represents a favorable balance in books returned, fines collected and a demonstration of concern and good-will by a personable young man who represents the library well.

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DECEMBER 1970

The West Virginia Library Commission, at its meeting held on December 16, 1970, authorized an increase in cash grant-in-aid payments to regional and service center libraries. The Kanawha County Public Library, having been designated previously as a service center library in the state plan with responsibilities to itself as well as to the public libraries in Dunbar, Nitro and South Charleston is scheduled to receive an additional $7,233.00. The new money increases our 1971/1972 grant-in-aid from $37,939.00 to $45,172.00 and should be used to buy more books. Monthly allotments totaling $22,292.00 have been received to date (January, 1971). You will recall that the Library Board of Directors at its meeting held on December 8, 1970 approved an expenditure schedule totaling $37,939.00 including acquisitions for the public libraries of Dunbar, Nitro and South Charleston. I hasten to add that no mention was made of the St. Albans Branch simply because its acquisitions are included with those of the Kanawha County Public Library.

President Nixon, on December 30, 1970, signed into law the Library Services and Construction Amendments of 1970. This new public law (PL 91-600) extends the Act for another five years through fiscal year June, 1976, with a total authorization of $1,144,175,000. For West Virginia, a quick guesstimate could mean the receipt of something in the neighborhood of 2 3/4 million dollars.

By letter, recently, the United Fund of Kanawha Valley, Inc. informed me of the following:

> "Records at the United Fund office show that the results of your employee solicitation in last fall's drive made your group eligible for a United Fund United 'U' Award."

This is the second consecutive year for the award. The staff and I are pleased with the recognition that all of us care enough to give - even a little bit.

Mr. Jeremiah Maxie, formerly of our custodial staff and a young man of 20 years, passed away on December 13, 1970 following a brief illness. Jerry was always kind, considerate and liked by all who knew him.

BOYS AND GIRLS DEPARTMENT

The library and its Boys and Girls Department is in receipt of a beautiful pastel portrait of a little Chinese girl modeled by Melanie Liu, daughter of our public library trainee, Mrs. Richard Liu. The gift of Dorothy Strock's is one of four pictures comprising our "Children of the World Collection."

CATALOG DEPARTMENT

A total of 2,392 books were processed and added to the collection which numbers 312,216 volumes.

CIRCULATION DEPARTMENT

Perhaps one of the most interesting library stories to come out of the Kanawha County Public Library in recent years occurred on December 15. A young man visited the department and asked for a library card which he intended to give his wife as a Christmas present. He telephoned later to inform us that she was delighted with the "gift."

Respectfully submitted,

Nicholas Winnrich

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR

FOR

JANUARY 1971

One of the problems facing all libraries whether they be public, college/university, school or special is the unauthorized removal of books. Librarians have talked about the book theft situation for a long time and have, in their own way and without the use of mechanical or electronic detection devices, taken steps to reduce and prevent loss. In the Kanawha County Public Library, for example, we are using people, machines and procedures to help us in our concern. These measures are noted briefly and are listed as follows:

1. The use of off-duty patrolmen and a staff mindful of the need to be alert to the possibility of loss of materials by theft are an effective deterent. The offender-to-be may be reluctant to take chances and therefore behave within the context of good library usage, knowing that materials for home use are available but only on the condition that they be properly charged out on the borrower's card.

2. The installation of a copying machine, we are confident, helps to reduce loss and damage because it is economical (10¢ per page), it saves labor and time in note taking and copy is made available to the user quickly and easily.

3. The cooperation of schools and Kanawha County Public Library makes it possible to reduce such problems through understanding and responsibility by the student population. Please see my brochure, attached, "A Message To Teachers In The Interest of Better Library Service To Students."

4. Finally, book charging at the circulation desk has been improved by speeding things up in order to reduce and eliminate long lines of waiting patrons.

It would be difficult to say how many unauthorized removals take place in a year's time. Without the benefit of an inventory we could only take a pretty good guess. However, in the absence of such an effort, my librarians and I

believe it to be very low. We say this because of factors noted above and because we are able to find and use most books listed in the card catalog and asked for by library patrons.

From among the recorded information available to us, we know that a very small percentage of books that are charged to borrowers remain overdue. From January, 1970 through December, 1970, excluding the St. Albans Branch, a total of 702,064 books were made available from this location for home use. On February 1, 1971 we counted 2,652 volumes as overdue and not returned. This represents a low overdue rate of .0037%. I am confident that most of these materials will be returned through our messenger who visits homes of delinquent borrowers and secures the return of library books. In January, 1971 Mr. Henson accomplished the following:

219 books returned valued at	$1,143.56
21 books lost and paid for	106.74
Fines paid	92.60
	$1,342.80

Some libraries are using either mechanical or electronic installations as security systems to discourage and prevent book thefts. One such device is called CHECKPOINT distributed by Gaylord Brothers, Inc., an old and reliable library supplies and equipment manufacturer and dealer. Their equipment makes use of electronically sensitive materials (a specially treated book pocket or book plate, for example) and sensing screens; an alarm, or light or buzzer or turnstile would react immediately if someone tried to pass the desk with books that were not checked out.

Rental costs of CHECKPOINT equipment, annually, would total $2,500 plus 15¢ per book. Other distributors have similar devices and costs are pretty much the same. Perhaps the next time the Gaylord representative visits Charleston, I could ask him to meet with us and to give the library board or a committee a demonstration.

The word from Washington seems to indicate that Federal library programs face drastic reduction or elimination in fiscal 1972. The administration's budget recommendations were cut by 25% below the amount appropriated in 1971. The Library Services and Construction Act is to be reduced from an appropriated $40,709,000 in 1971 to $18 million proposed in 1972. And, once again, the budget document recommend that no funds be appropriated for Public Library Construction - Title II. Action is needed to inform Senators and Representatives of the importance and value of Library Services and Construction Act to Kanawha County Public Library and West Virginia.

The library received the first of its federal/state construction money allotments. Expenditures, to-date, on the St. Albans Branch project totaled $8,188.75 for which we received $6,155 or 80% of our request for payment.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS

Because of bad weather, hazardous road conditions and concern for a staff worried about getting home safely, the library closed earlier than scheduled on the following:

February 3, 1971 at 4:00 p.m.
February 8, 1971 at 6:00 p.m.
February 13, 1971 at 2:00 p.m.

CATALOG DEPARTMENT

A total of 2,352 books were processed and added to the collection which numbers 313,919 volumes.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicholas Winowich

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR

FOR

FEBRUARY 1971

The Library Director's report for January, 1971 noted, perhaps too briefly and lightly, that the Library Services and Construction Act faced a problem of significant consequence - reduction in funding from an appropriated $40,709,000 to a proposed expenditure of $18,000,000. The time has come for me to express greater concern and to solicit your support with the suggestion that we communicate with Senator Byrd and Congressman Slack, members of their respective Committees on Appropriation. We should encourage each of them to support the Library Services and Construction Act and to seek to restore funds to the 1971 level. If nothing is done then the reduced funding would impose a serious limitation on the Kanawha County Public Library and would effect us as follows:

Scheduled to be received in 1971	Scheduled to be received in 1972
Grant-In-Aid	
$45,172	$5,817
Public Library Trainees	
$23,305	-----
Travel	
$ 800	-----
$69,277	$5,817

Scheduled to be received in 1971	$69,277
Scheduled to be received in 1972	5,817
Estimated Loss In Revenue	$63,460

I am pleased to report that each of our Public Library Trainees has been accepted by an American Library Association accredited Graduate Library school. They are:

Mrs. Frances Fontaine	Atlanta University
Mrs. Sue Stephenson	Florida State University
Mrs. Zetta Walker	University of Pittsburgh

This year's group has been awarded an additional and favorable consideration. New federal regulations now make it possible for each student to have her tuition, up to $2,000, paid under the program. In addition, each library school student earns a monthly salary of $450 and has up to 18 months to complete her course of study.

May I direct your attention to two very interesting and attractive art shows now on exhibit in the Kanawha County Public Library. Helen Bratt's exhibit, "COLLAGE: 10 YEARS IN RETROSPECT" can be viewed in The John V. Ray Room and Works by Artist Members of National League of Pen Women can be seen daily in the Corridor Art Gallery.

CATALOG DEPARTMENT

Mrs. Walker reported that 2,263 books were processed and added to the collection which numbers 313,957 volumes.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS

Our building superintendent and I feel rather comfortable knowing that we have come through another winter rather nicely without having to face any large and expensive problem.

ST. ALBANS BRANCH

Construction progress on the second story addition seems to be going slowly only because of mean and nasty weather. However, Mrs. Hampton, the architect, the contractor and I met recently to fix an approximate date when the Branch would shut down for construction. After considerable discussion, we concluded that by the middle of April the building would be

closed so that the noisy, dusty and heavy work could begin. We also guessed that the shut-down time could last from two to four weeks. During this period of course, the Branch staff would be assigned to Charleston for some inventory work.

I also announce with pleasure that Mrs. J. D. Treanor, a resident of St. Albans has been recognized and honored by the Volunteer Services Bureau, an agency of the Community Council of Kanawha Valley as one of the year's outstanding volunteers. Mrs. Treanor has devoted many hours of dedicated service to the St. Albans Branch. Mrs. Hampton said that Mrs. Treanor "always is ready to do any task...that needs to be done."

Respectfully submitted,

Nicholas Winovich

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR

FOR

MARCH 1971

The Library Services and Construction Act situation looks much better today than it has at anytime during the previous two months. Considerable support seems to have been generated among most Senators and Congressmen. I am encouraged, particularly, that Senator Byrd and Senator Randolph and Congressman Slack were concerned enough to indicate their interest and support to my inquiries. I have been informed, also, that other members of the House, in reply to letters from constituents, support the Library Services and Construction Act to the extent of its 1971 and present level of funding ($40,709,000).

On too many occasions when the question is asked why certain library practices were followed the answer was, "It was always done this way." Like Topsy, library routines can grow and grow and as a result become dull, boring and time consuming. Basically, it appeared that we could have been spending too much of our attention and limited resources of time, money and staff on the wrong things. We could have been involved with the unimportant at the expense of the meaningful. Following a series of constructive meetings involving a self-evaluative looking "into ourselves," the staff and I are pleased with the progress and improvement made to date. Chief among these accomplishments are:

1. A new and revitalized book selection process which should make it possible for the library to acquire new books within a week or two of their publication or review date.

2. All of us, together, are the Kanawha County Public Library and as representatives of this institution are obligated to perform with high standards of service for the good of the community.

3. The emphases on the purposes of routines and their easy and efficient completion is essential.

There are two very interesting and attractive exhibitions on display in the Library. In The John V. Ray Room we have:

> COLLAGES BY KEELING. Mr. Henry Keeling received his B.F.A. from Pratt Institute and M.A. from Marshall University. He studied also at New York University, New York Art Students League and at the Brooklyn Museum.
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> His work has been represented in shows at the Brooklyn Museum, New York City Center and in most major local and state shows, with a number of awards to his credit. His work is in the permanent collection of Charleston Art Gallery, Huntington Galleries, West Virginia Arts and Humanities Council, Herbert Rothchild Collection in N.Y.C., Consolidated Gas Corporation in Clarksburg, West Virginia and several private collections.
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> Mr. Keeling teaches at the Charleston Art Gallery, Huntington Galleries, Marshall University and Morris Harvey College.

Mr. John Hudkins, Instructor, Kanawha County Adult Education Art Classes has arranged a students' exhibit in our Corridor Art Gallery. As always, this show attracts a great deal of attention, particularly, from members of the artists' families. In time, we have come to discover that some persons visited the library for the first time to see this show and we have had an opportunity to invite them to register for a library card.

Announcement of future art exhibits will be reported in THE LIVELY ART CALENDAR which is published by The Charleston Gazette, Charleston Daily Mail and Sunday Gazette-Mail.

The Kanawha County Public Library is working with Charleston Literacy Council and its President, Mrs. Clyde Pentz, in providing reading materials for adult illiterates. She informed me recently that there were "8,000 illiterate adults" in Kanawha County according to the 1960 Census

and that the objective of the Council was to reduce this number significantly.

The department heads and I, meeting twice a month to consider library related matters, have on occasion discussed the possibility of a computer installation as a tool to be used in the performance of our duties and functions. We have read about such installations, both real and proposed, and on occasion talked with people who seemed to know something about the subject. However, when it came time to ask the equalizer question - How much would it cost? - no one was sure, then. Now, however, we know more about the dollars and cents angle because computer businesses are no longer vague on the cost of a library installation. One company would do the following:

1. Make and keep an inventory of library materials.
2. Record and control circulation of materials.
3. Keep a list of registered borrowers.
4. Enter reserves on materials in circulation when demand is high and supply is limited.
5. Prepare overdues when necessary.
6. Keep statistical records.

To do the things listed above would cost an estimated $30,000 to $60,000 per year for five years. Obviously, not many libraries could afford the luxury of such an installation.

BOYS AND GIRLS DEPARTMENT

We have begun to take an inventory of materials charged to the children's collection of our Boys and Girls Department. The two young ladies responsible for the count are finding the work challenging and are enjoying the experience which they feel is like detective work - "if the book isn't on the shelf, where is it?"

BUILDING AND GROUNDS

Two projects of an essential character are currently underway and are scheduled for completion as soon as possible. The grass area located on the south side of the building, situated between the library and Kanawha Banking and Trust Building needs to be revitalized. To that end we have planned the installation of top soil, fertilizer and grass seed; with the invitation that walkers and sitters refrain from stepping on the grass. The other job has to do with the condition of the pool. We noticed, for example, that a separation of ceramic tile from the pool wall existed in some areas. We plan to correct these matters by having the necessary repairs made before the start of another season of water-running-over-sculpture.

Mr. Thomas, Building Superintendent, and Mr. Henson, Messenger, together, installed nearly 6,000 pounds of steel shelving purchased with Federal Funds. This effort of several days duration resulted in a savings of $912.00.

CATALOG DEPARTMENT

Mrs. Walker reported that 2,050 books were processed and added to the collection which numbers 315,232 volumes.

EXTENSION DEPARTMENT

I am pleased to announce that Miss Evelyn Coskey's first book review for the "Library Journal," a professional publication, was published in the April 1, 1971 issue. To say the least, it brought us both a great deal of personal and professional satisfaction.

ST. ALBANS BRANCH

The branch was closed for two and one half weeks from March 16, 1971 to April 6, 1971 so that the contractor could prepare an elevator pit and "cut-in" several door openings. Afterwards, the Branch opened for business as usual to the satisfaction of large numbers of eager library users.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicholas Winnick

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR

FOR

APRIL 1971

A grant of $550.00 was recently made available to the Dunbar Public Library from the West Virginia Library Commission. In all, there were 12 small public libraries throughout West Virginia who benefitted from the nearly $15,000 unexpended balance of federal funds designated for the purchase and installation of furniture and equipment. The Dunbar Library Board decided to purchase a window type air conditioner ($450.00) to replace the one on loan from the Kanawha County Public Library since 1966 and to buy a secretarial chair ($95.00). The balance of $5.00 will be spent to buy office supplies.

The local chapter of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers through its president, Dr. Charles Stewart, indicated an interest in establishing a fund to be used for the purchase of ASME related books for addition to the library's book collection. No specific amount was mentioned, although it was the hope of the Chapter to begin the project with a substantial gift.

EXTENSION DEPARTMENT

Miss Evelyn Coskey, Extension Librarian, is the author of a proposed article entitled, "Public Library Service in the Southern Appalachian Region: An Overview." Text, bibliography and illustrations total 40 pages and is scheduled for publication in the October, 1971 issue of LIBRARY TRENDS. Miss Coskey and I discovered that there was very little in depth literature on the subject and much of what appears in her paper will appear in print for the first time.

CIRCULATION DEPARTMENT

The new Book Selection Committee, functioning since April 1, 1971 has performed admirably. The routine, from beginning to end, has been improved so much that new books are now available for use within two weeks instead of the former horrendous 12 weeks.

Resepectfully submitted,

Nicholas Winnick

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR

FOR

MAY 1971

Miss Dora Ruth Parks, Executive Secretary, West Virginia Library Commission, announced previously and perhaps only to members of the Commission, staff and some associates, that she planned to retire by December 31, 1971. Since then, there have been some inquiries from librarians interested in being considered for the position. By Commission action, recently, an Ad Hoc Committee was appointed which would advise the Commission on matters pertaining to a new Executive Secretary. Members of the special committee are: Mr. Campbell Beall, former member of the West Virginia Library Commission and resident of Martinsburg; Mr. Harold Apel, Librarian, Marshall University; and Nicholas Winowich.

The Library is in receipt of several cash gifts. The Woman's Kanawha Literary Club on the occasion of its 75th Anniversary Celebration presented a check of $500.00. The meeting was a very special one for a number of reasons; the generous and thoughtful gift, of course; but also, in its many years of existence and purposes, May 18, 1971 was the first time and only time when a member of the male species was in attendance at a meeting.

The American Association of University Women of St. Albans presented a check of $340.30 to Mrs. Hampton, Branch Librarian, for the purpose of purchasing library materials for the Branch.

The West Virginia Library Commission, in cooperation with the Kanawha County Public Library, sponsored an all-day conference concerned with "Serving the Young Reader." Attending the meetings held in The John V. Ray Room were 65 representatives from 30 libraries. Miss Wilma Brown and Mrs. Mary Frances Lee of our staff together with the Library Director

were members of the program.

Retirement of Mrs. Laverta Spurlock following 44 years of long and faithful service may have suggested similiar concern to Mrs. Alice Gygax and Mr. Harold McKinstry. Their projected plans seem to indicate a retirement by September 30, 1971 for Mrs. Gygax and an April, 1972 date for Mr. McKinstry.

CATALOG DEPARTMENT

We have decided upon a big and important change in the way certain records are made in the Catalog Department. Beginning July 1, 1971 the use of Accession Numbers ("the number given to a volume in the order of its acquistion" and written in six digits at the Kanawha County Public Library) was discontinued and simply copy number (using at most two digits) are scheduled to be used. The change is expected to speed things up, make things a lot easier, take less time in record keeping and result in greater accuracy.

EXTENSION DEPARTMENT

Mrs. Miller, Miss Coskey, Mr. Smith and the Library Director visited the Cincinnati/Hamilton County Public Library and George A. Flohr Bindery Company on May 18-19, 1971. We saw things of interest and spoke with people on the subject of extension services.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicholas Winnick

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR

FOR

JUNE 1971

Indicators seem to point in a favorable direction for the President to sign the $5.1 billion dollar education bill which includes a substantial sum of money for public libraries, (Library Services and Construction Act); school libraries, (Title II of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act); and college/university libraries (Title II of the Higher Education Act). Professional journals, communications with members of Congress, newspaper stories and private conversations with knowledgeable people are the reasons for much optimism.

SPECIAL INSERT: Radio news and newspaper stories for Monday, July 12, 1971, reported that President Nixon, on Sunday, July 11, 1971, signed the biggest appropriations bill in history for the U. S. Office of Education which includes library appropriations.

It is estimated that West Virginia's share could be as much as $600,000, of which nearly $45,000 would be made available in Kanawha County.

The Library of Congress announced recently that, effective July 1, 1971, it would begin its Cataloging in Publications program. The project would provide for the publication of cataloging information to be printed in the book itself. A library receiving this book could produce its own cards thus making it possible to get the book into circulation without delay. Libraries throughout the county which were surveyed for their reaction to this program, of which we were one, were enthusiastic about the possibilities not only of providing faster service to their readers but also of savings in the cost of processing books. Cataloging in Publication will also enable private

purchasers of books, booksellers and all kinds of offices with book collections too small to justify the employment of a librarian to arrange their holdings for easy and sufficient use. We're very pleased with the project as I am sure most librarians are.

CATALOG DEPARTMENT

Mrs. Walker reported that 2,278 books were processed and added to the collection which numbers 319,396 volumes.

ST. ALBANS BRANCH

The second floor building project is moving along. Mr. Armstrong, the contractor, seems to feel that the Construction phase will be completed by August 1, 1971. Delivery of furniture is expected by the latter part of August. A brief progress report, to date, is as follows:

1) Elevator has been installed and is operating.

2) Stairways (2) have been completed.

3) Painting of walls and installation of carpeting is underway.

4) Relocation of the children's department from the first floor to the second story is underway.

The Annual St. Albans Town Fair is scheduled to begin Monday, July 12, 1971 and is expected to continue through Saturday, July 17, 1971. Hard work, long hours and an affection for the Branch's services, goals and purposes has helped to earn substantial sums of money over the past several years.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicholas Winowich

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR

FOR

JULY 1971

The library is in receipt of a memorial gift of $1,500.00 given by Mrs. Rae Dorothy Boiarsky in memory of her son Ivor Franklin Boiarsky. The amount has been placed in a Trust Fund with the Charleston National Bank and is similar to the Arthur Hanson Fund established previously. The income from principal will be used to purchase books reflecting Ivor Boiarsky's personal and professional interests.

An additional gift of $500.00 will be used to purchase a memorial plaque, books and a section of walnut shelving to house the memorial collection.

BOYS AND GIRLS DEPARTMENT

Miss Wilma Brown of our staff was one of several persons who participated in the Pearl S. Buck Seminar held on July 5 and July 6 in Hillsboro, West Virginia. Miss Brown spoke on the values of early childhood reading. One of the organizers was Mrs. Frances Alderson Swope, formerly Chief Extension Librarian at the Kanawha County Public Library. Mrs. Swope and Miss Brown reported that the meetings were well attended and responsive.

CATALOG DEPARTMENT

A total of 2,371 books were processed and added to the collection which numbers 322,027 volumes.

We are especially proud of Mrs. Annie Liu, a graduate of the University of Kentucky College of Library Science. Mrs. Liu, one of our Public Library Trainees and an outstanding graduate student, earned a 3.5 grade average (B+). Mrs. Liu began her professional career on July 1, 1971 as the Assistant Catalog Librarian.

ST. ALBANS BRANCH

Mrs. Nancy VanAuken, a graduate of the University of Texas School of Library Science, and a former employee of the Kanawha County Public Library (October 1965 - August 1966) and the West Virginia Library Commission, was appointed Children's Librarian in the St. Albans Branch effective July 1, 1971.

Mrs. Hampton reported that "The BIG EVENT for all of us was the St. Albans Town Fair and we are so happy that it was a great success."

Changes have occured at the library. On the 13th of July all shelving and books were moved from the children's end of the first floor to the new second floor. No children's books were circulated until the 22nd of July, by which time the old shelving had been reinstalled in new quarters and all books put in order. The overflow stack room will hold much of the children's collection until the new children's shelving arrives.

The carpet was installed on the south end of the first floor (former children's end)and around the desk over the weekend of the 24th. On Monday, the 26th, all equipment (tables, chairs, island shelving etc.) on the north end was moved to the newly carpeted area so that this section could also be carpeted. During this time the library was closed to all patrons.

These transactions could never have been accomplished so rapidly or so smoothly without the help of Mr. Thomas and Mr. Henson of our staff and of course the many volunteers. To all of them we are deeply grateful.

We eagerly await the completion of the construction and look forward to increased library activity and service in the future.

Mr. H. H. Buckner resigned as custodian effective July 31, 1971. He will be replaced by Mr. Moses Adams who will serve as full-time custodian effective August 1, 1971.

Nicholas Winnrich

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR

FOR

AUGUST 1971

Ivor Franklin Boiarsky, late Speaker of the House of Delegates, is to be honored by a memorial fund established in the Kanawha County Public Library by his mother.

To perpetuate her son's memory, to recognize his concern in the affairs of history, government and Jewish culture, and to share with others his love of literature, biography and tennis, Mrs. Rae Dorothy Boiarsky has established the fund by making a substantial gift to the library.

The money has been invested and the income from the principal will be used to purchase books which reflect Mr. Boiarsky's personal and professional interests. Each book will carry a bookplate indicating that it was added to the library through the Ivor Boiarsky Fund.

A section of walnut shelving, identified by a bronze plaque in memory of Mr. Boiarsky, was installed in the New Books Division to house the collection.

The West Virginia Library Commission has received 19 applications from persons interested in being considered for the position of Executive Secretary. Miss Dora Ruth Parks, having served that agency and the state's constituency since February, 1945, is scheduled to retire effective December 31, 1971. Three of the top candidates are from Iowa, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. The appointment of a successor is expected to be announced in October.

The Library Director is a member of the Ad-Hoc Committee to advise and assist the Commission in its search for a new Executive Secretary.

Mrs. Andy Thomas is responsible for arranging the very successful Christmas Tree Exhibits at Sunrise since 1967. This traditional project has been one of the highlights on the community's calendar of events and keeps getting bigger and better each year. Christmas, 1971 will be something special because it includes two trees for the Kanawha County Public Library. The "Night Before Christmas" tree will be placed in the Boys and Girls Department and decorated appropriately. The "American 1810" tree will be located on the first floor where it can be observed by everyone who enters the library.

I am interested in having members of the Library Board meet and talk with the men and women who, in part, are the Kanawha County Public Library. The MEET THE STAFF concept has given the Library Board and employees an opportunity to see and be seen and to hear and to be heard. Scheduled for future visits are 1) our library aides (generally persons older than 65); and 2) our new branch librarian, Mr. Robert Willits.

The coin-operated copy machine, located in the Reference Department, continues to provide library users with a useful and valuable service. Within a very short time, the equipment purchased with Library Services and Construction Act funds, will have paid for itself. The staff and I are confident that the new copier and the service it provides for a dime is, in a large measure, responsible for the reduction in damage to library materials. We do not see, for example, as many or as often, pages removed from books and magazines.

Mr. Thomas and Mr. Henson, in addition to their principal responsibilites as building superintendent and as messenger, have been very busy at the St. Albans Branch uncrating, assembling and installing shelving. Their efforts have saved us an estimated $800.00.

Insurance coverage on the St. Albans Branch Library Building has been increased in two areas. The changes are noted as follows:

Building

From $150,000 to $300,000

Furniture and Equipment

From $15,000 to $30,000

Our Extension Department, with its Mobilibrary service, is reaching out toward adult library users and readers. Please see attached story which appeared recently in the Hill-Topper, a Union Carbide publication. Mr. Hartman and Mr. Springer, members of the Library Board, were extremely helpful and made everything possible.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicholas Winnick

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR

FOR

SEPTEMBER 1971

We are pleased to announce that three members of our high school student page staff are Merit Scholars. They are:

Miss Nancy Wang - St. Albans Branch
Dennis Harkreader - Circulation Department
Donald Hayford - Extension Department

The Fifty-Sixth Annual Conference of the West Virginia Library Association was held in Charleston at the Heart-O-Town Motor Inn, October 7-9, 1971. A total of 176 persons were registered and is the largest attendance recorded in the association's history. The Library Director was elected to the Council of the American Library Association and is scheduled to represent the state membership at Midwinter and Annual Conferences of ALA.

One of the special events that seemed to bring more satisfaction to most people was the reception honoring Miss Dora Ruth Parks, Executive Secretary, West Virginia Library Association, held on Thursday evening, October 7, 1971. Miss Parks was recognized for her many years of service to the state and its people and honored as she planned to retire effective December 31, 1971.

Preliminary and informational discussion was held with members of the Nitro Public Library Board of Directors on the subject of public library construction and federal/state funding. Also in attendance at the meeting were representatives of the West Virginia Library Commission. The present library building in Nitro is inadequate and has been removed to another and less desirable site.

The library is in receipt of two gifts of cash. One of $500.00 is from kind and generous individuals who wish to remain anonymous. The second gift totals $130.00 and was made available through the Harry Futterman Phonograph Record Fund.

CATALOG DEPARTMENT

Mrs. Walker reported that 2,789 books were processed and added to the collection which numbers 326,429 volumes.

EXTENSION DEPARTMENT

Mrs. Miller reported that library services for the visually handicapped and the circulation of talking books has increased. More books and magazine titles are available for patrons' use and more persons, young and old, are borrowing these special materials. She noted that in September, 1970 records indicated a circulation of only 62 books. Statistics for September, 1971 show that 266 books were circulated.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicholas Winowich

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR

FOR

OCTOBER 1971

The Charleston Gazette in its Monday edition of November 1, 1971 reported that the Kanawha County Public Library had achieved the highest rating of any agency serving the people of Kanawha County. Staff writer Terry Marchal invited nearly 600 persons to rate the various agencies. The survey showed that more than 60% scored the library from good to excellent. The second place entry, according to the poll, received a rating in excess of 40%.

I am as pleased and as proud of this recognition as you are. Congratulations are extended to the Library Board for making so many things possible and to the many members of the staff who added a measure of quality sometimes called "above and beyond the call of duty."

In response to many requests for information on drugs and drug abuse, the Kanawha County Public Library prepared an interesting and colorful brochure entitled, "THE DESTROYERS: DRUGS." Distribution will be made to interested citizens, institutions and organizations concerned with the problem.

Mr. Fred Glazer of Chesapeake, Virginia has been offered the position of Executive Secretary, West Virginia Library Commission, to succeed Miss Dora Ruth Parks who is scheduled to retire December 31, 1971. Mr. Glazer is an imaginative young man capable of doing a good job.

CATALOG DEPARTMENT

Mrs. Walker reported that 2,741 books were processed and added to the collection which numbers 328,448 volumes.

EXTENSION DEPARTMENT

Mrs. Miller reported that a total of 2,631 books were placed on loan in 10 schools including the Community Library in Cross Lanes located in Andrew Jackson Junior High School. The Mobilibrary, she said, made regularly scheduled visits to Lee Terrace and Brooks Manor, residences of the elderly.

ST. ALBANS BRANCH

Dedication ceremonies of the second-floor addition to the St. Albans Branch were held on Sunday afternoon, October 3, 1971. Featured speakers were Mr. Stone, Mr. Comstock and Mrs. Henrietta Kidd.

Mrs. Clara Hampton who had served as branch librarian since December, 1963 was transferred to the Adult Circulation Department effective November 1, 1971. Mr. Robert Willits, formerly of the West Virginia Library Commission and Appalachian Educational Laboratory, became the new branch librarian.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicholas Winnick

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR

FOR

NOVEMBER 1971

The past several weeks might best be characterized as interesting. There were gifts of a significant nature: one consisting of useful, valuable and rare local history materials, the other an important work of art by an artist in residence at West Virginia University. But the thing that seems to capture my imagination originated nearly 22 years ago with an overdue notice.

On February 18, 1950 the Library, routinely, mailed to one of its juvenile borrowers a reminder that the four books charged to his card were overdue and a request that they be returned. We recorded, also, in the event of loss, the replacement cost of each book which totaled $6.07. We waited. Nothing happened. Years later, on December 8, 1971 the Library received a check for $6.07 and the original notice. The delinquent borrower, in a subsequent telephone conversation, informed me that his mother discovered the "unpaid bill" and insisted on its payment.

The gifts are noted as follows and deserve special recognition:

Mr. Walter Snyder and Kanawha County Schools presented the Library with a collection of materials removed from the cornerstone of the former Charleston High School Building which was later used as Mercer School and is now being demolished. The contents, in excellent condition, included a Bible, newspaper copies of the Charleston Daily Gazette and Charleston Daily Mail, a history of the United States by S. P. Lee, and several lists including names of city officials, school teachers,

physicians and graduates of Charleston High School from 1879 to 1902.

A drawing by Ben Freedman, "Barnyard Clutter," has been presented to the Kanawha County Public Library by its purchaser, the Charleston Kiwanis Club.

The drawing was included in the Appalachian Corridors: Exhibition 2 showing in Charleston before being sent on tour for one year with other works in the exhibit, which is sponsored by the Charleston section of the National Council of Jewish Women.

Composed of a multitude of tiny triangles, rectangles, squares and circles drawn in black ink on a white background, the drawing represents the artist's conception of the confusion found in an ordinary barnyard.

Ben Freedman is a native of Louisiana and received degrees from Louisiana State University, Washington University in St. Louis, and the University of Arizona. He has also studied abroad. He has been the recipient of numerous scholarships. Now on the faculty at the Creative Arts Center at West Virginia University, Mr. Freedman has taken part in nearly fifty shows and exhibitions.

CATALOG DEPARTMENT

Mrs. Walker reported that 2,109 books were processed and added to the collection which numbers 330,557 volumes.

Respectfully submitted,

Victoria Winnwell

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR

FOR

DECEMBER 1971 AND JANUARY 1972

Most of our office and building supplies are purchased at substantial savings through the good officers of the Board of Education, City of Charleston and County Court. Each of the above has made it possible for this institution to purchase quality products, including gasoline, paper and custodial products, at quantity prices. Their consideration is appreciated because it is reflected in an annual savings of nearly $1,700.00.

The Library Board of the South Charleston Public Library has been reorganized in accordance with new rules on length of tenure. There had been some confusion on "who served how-long." The appointees and the dates their terms expire are:

President, Richard P. Gerke, 1974, Chemist
Mrs. Helen P. Bailey, 1973, Professor
Mrs. J. Marion Bailey, 1975, Teacher
Doyle L. Parkins, 1975, Accountant
C. J. Kennett, 1974, Retired Chemist

Noted below are selected statistics showing public library expenditures in Kanawha County for the 1970/1971 fiscal year; receipt of federal/state funds used for public library purposes in Kanawha County since 1962; and circulation of materials in each local library for the fiscal year concluded in June, 1971.

Library Expenditures in Kanawha County, 1970/1971

KCPL (including St. Albans Branch)	$637,423
South Charleston Public Library	38,990
Dunbar Public Library	6,289
Nitro Public Library	2,952
Total	$685,654

Receipt of Federal/State Funds - (Accelerated Public Works, Library Services and Construction Act, and Appalachian Regional Development Act.)

Construction

KCPL	$436,510.00	
South Charleston Public Library	270,971.00	
St. Albans Branch Library	200,497.00	
Total Construction		$ 907,978.00

Services

Books, Trainees, Furniture and Equipment	318,479.13
Total Funds	$1,226,457.13

A preliminary report on the status of the Library Services and Construction Act for the fiscal year 1972/1973 seems to indicate, again, a lack of support by the Administration. A brief summary is noted as follows:

	1973 Authorization	1973 Recommendation	1972 Appropriation
Library Services and Construction Act	$217,350,000	$32,730,000	$58,709,000
Title I, Services	117,600,000	30,000,000	46,568,000
II, Construction	84,000,000	-0-	9,500,000
III, Interlibrary Cooperation	15,750,000	2,730,000	2,640,500

The library is in receipt of a refund check issued by the West Virginia Water Company. The amount is for $263.12 and is paid in accordance with an order by the Public Service Commission revising rates previously in effect.

CATALOG DEPARTMENT

Mrs. Walker reported that 2,304 books were processed and added to the collection which numbers 331,802 volumes.

EXTENSION DEPARTMENT

Miss Evelyn Coskey, Extension Department Librarian since June 1964, has had several important and interesting things happen to her which are more than worthy of note. She published recently, November, 1971, an article in LIBRARY TRENDS, entitled, "Public Library Service in Southern Appalachian Region." Comments have been so favorable, as a matter of fact, that Miss Coskey was invited by Wayne State University, Detroit, Michigan, to be a part of its symposium on servicing "The Functionally Illiterate Adult." In addition, Bowker Company, publisher of library related literature, invited Miss Coskey to prepare a book on "Library services to Appalachia."

She was recently informed by Abingdon Press, Nashville, that her book "All About Easter Eggs" will be published in early 1973.

ST. ALBANS BRANCH

Mrs. Thomas VanAuken (Nancy) resigned as Children's Librarian at the Branch effective December 11, 1971. The family is moving to Richmond, Virginia where her husband has accepted a new position.

Miss Helen Lind of Plainfield, New Hampshire, formerly associated with the public library in Baltimore, became Children's Librarian, Branch, effective January 3, 1972.

Mrs. Frances Fontaine, a recipient of a West Virginia Public Library Trainee Grant and a student at Atlanta University School of Library Science, returned to St. Albans during the school's holiday vacation period and assisted in library work with children.

Mr. Willits noted that 18 groups scheduled a total of 18 meetings in the Branch auditorium during the month of December. This is a pretty good average when one considers that there were only 24 available days and at a time when Holidays and gifts were uppermost in the minds of many people.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicholas Winnrich

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR

FOR

FEBRUARY 1972

The current session of the West Virginia Legislature is considering some bills of interest to libraries and librarians. They are, briefly noted, as follows:

1. The grant-in-aid concept met with considerable approval because of the results which have been achieved: more books and improved collection, replacement or purchase of bookmobiles and equipment and employment of additional staff. Grant-in-aid funds for the Kanawha County Public Library will not go below the $45,000 level and may even be improved.

2. Inter-State Library Compact

   It will permit libraries in West Virginia to enter into agreements for the exchange of library services and supplies with other states that are members of the compact.

   It would affect libraries in Huntington, Parkersburg and Wheeling.

   State funds are for the most part generated through Washington, D. C. through Library Services and Construction Act.

3. Consideration concerning health, medical, major medical and life insurance is being given to include employees of boards of education (libraries) rather than limit coverage to employees of the State of West Virginia.

A gift of $2,350.00 was made to the library by Mrs. Rae Dorothy Boiarsky in memory of her son Ivor Franklin Boiarsky. Expenditures and investment were made as follows:

Books	$ 585.66
Shelving	189.34
Plaque	75.00
Investment	1,500.00
Total Gift	$2,350.00

The staff association of the Kanawha County Public Library has prepared a newspaper for distribution to all employees. Coverage will include the usual matters.

A new, mercury vapor floodlight was installed so that the parking area would be properly and adequately lighted. The cost was $470.00. The light is in operation only during night time evening hours when the library is open.

The Fire Prevention Bureau of the Charleston Fire Department made one of its regular but unannounced inspections of the library building. They reported that the building was neat, safe and free of hazards.

Perhaps one of the most popular or heavily used areas in the new St. Albans Branch is our Community Room (Auditorium). Mr. Willits reported that 21 groups and organizations scheduled 32 meetings during the month of February, 1972.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Winerich

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR

FOR

MARCH 1972

The Library Director served as Cultural Exhibits and Arrangements Chairman for the Annual Home Show sponsored by the Charleston Area Chamber of Commerce. This was the first time that cultural institutions and organizations were represented.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS

The Library's parking lot, located on the Summers Street side of the building, was improved considerably with the installation of a mercury lamp, 500 watt floodlight. It is used during night time hours and only when the library is open. The fixture is operated manually.

CATALOG DEPARTMENT

Mrs. Walker reports that 2,483 books were added to the collection which numbers 333,804 volumes.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicholas Winowich

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR

FOR

APRIL 1972

Mr. Harold Kenneth McKinstry, a graduate of the University of Denver Library School, and a librarian with service in Catalog, Circulation and Reference Departments, retired effective April 30, 1972. Mr. McKinstry was an able and conscientious librarian. From October, 1965 through March, 1967 he was employed in a part-time capacity, filling in when other librarians were ill or on vacation. In April, 1967 until his retirement in April, 1972, Mr. McKinstry was a full-time permanent employee.

Mr. Robert Simmons, librarian in charge, reports the presence of three interesting, colorful and informative exhibits. They are:

John V. Ray Room
Lowell Bond - One-Man Show

Corridor Art Gallery
Students' Work of Charleston Art Gallery

Main Floor

Kanawha County Schools - Industrial Arts

The Library will be closed for the Memorial Day Observance on Monday, May 29, 1972.

Mrs. Harrison Ferrell, will review Fight for Quiet by Theodore Borland on Thursday evening, May 18, 1972 at 8:00 p.m. in The John V. Ray Room.

CATALOG DEPARTMENT

Mrs. Walker reported that 1,531 books were processed and added to the collection which numbers 334,466 volumes.

REFERENCE DEPARTMENT

It is reliably reported that the use of teletype (TWX) by the inter-library loan network will be limited to a few stations instead of the usual 26 now in existence. The equipment rental and service charges are paid by the West Virginia Library Commission. The change is being made in the interest of economy estimated to save nearly $14,000. The program will not suffer and will remain useful and effective through the use of Wide Area Telephone Service (WATS).

Respectfully submitted,

Nicholas Winowich

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR

FOR

MAY 1972

Mr. Charles A. Williamson is recovering nicely in a hospital in Newport News, Virginia. He expects to be released "before too long" and he extends thanks and appreciation for the many cards and expressions of kindness and concern.

The House of Representatives passed, by a substantial margin (277 to 60), an appropriations bill which would make more money available for public library programs. The measure is before the Senate and a vote on the bill is expected around the week of June 26.

A comparison of the funds recommended by the Administration, the Appropriations Committee and those passed by the House is noted as follows:

	Budget Recommendation	Committee Recommendation	House-Passed Funds
Library Services and Construction Act			
Title I (Services)	$30,000,000	$47,270,000	$62,000,000
Title II (Construction)	-0-	9,500,000	15,000,000
Title III (Inter-Library Cooperation)	2,730,000	2,730,000	7,500,000
	$32,730,000	$59,500,000	$84,500,000

The three young men who previously were reported as delinquent borrowers because they failed to return library materials have begun to measure-up to their responsibility. Most of the books and phonograph records have been returned, fines have been assessed and charges have been made for all items lost and damaged. The delinquencies totaled $208.35. Payments have been received for $85.00. The balances are expected to be completed by August 1, 1972.

The Capitol Street situation with young people continues to be a problem. In spite of our efforts, unacceptable language, unnecessary litter and loitering are present.

The Library of Congress and its Division for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (DBPH) held its eighth biennial conference in Louisville, Kentucky in May, 1972 (15-17).

A record attendance of 110 persons registered; eleven of whom were from West Virginia. Representing Kanawha County Public Library were Mr. Charlton Smith and the Library Director. Highlights included reports, demonstrations of mechanized and electronic aides and a tour of the American Printing House for the Blind.

The West Virginia Library Commission, in cooperation with the Kanawha County Public Library, sponsored an Audio-Visual Workshop which was held at the Heart-O-Town Motor Inn on June 9, 1972. A total of 126 persons were registered.

The One-Man Show for June, 1972 by Betty D. Woody is exhibited in The John V. Ray Room.

> BETTY D. WOODY, a native West Virginian, is virtually a self-taught artist. She has taken a number of courses and workshops locally and at The Charleston Art Gallery of Sunrise. She spends a great deal of her time at her art work from which she and her family derive much pleasure. Enamoured of nature and the environment, many of her works contain everyday, out-of-door subjects captured in effective style in watercolor, pastel, oil, acrylic and charcoal. She has been represented in many shows and has works in private collections.

BOYS AND GIRLS DEPARTMENT

Miss Wilma Brown and Miss Helen Lind attended the Northeast Regional Puppet Festival held at Pennsylvania State University, University Park, May 19-21, 1972. Sponsored in part by the Puppeteers of America, a national organization of professional artists, amateurs

and interested people, the programs consisted of panel discussions, clinics and puppet performances. Puppet shows have played an important and integral part in our library work with children.

CATALOG DEPARTMENT

The number of volumes, as of May 31, 1972 totals 336,127.

EXTENSION DEPARTMENT

The Extension Department, in the pursuit of its responsibility to "reach-out" and to take public library service where there is little or no such activity, is making regularly scheduled stops at Senior and Residential Centers. Visits are made to Lee Terrace, Carroll Terrace, Brooks Manor and Orchard Manor in Charleston; Parkland Terrace in South Charleston and Villager Apartments in St. Albans.

Dr. Louise Gerrard, Executive Director, West Virginia Commission on Aging, is very interested, cooperative and generous in the extension of services to the aged. She has made it possible, through appropriate funding, to recruit readers from among residents of the senior centers and to train them as liason librarians. Their principal function includes helping us in bringing books and people together.

ST. ALBANS BRANCH

The West Virginia Library Commission has employed, for one year, a talented young artist from Chesapeake, Virginia, as its "artist in residence." Mr. Mead Davenport will travel throughout the Mountain State painting what he sees - of the land and its people. At the end of the year, the works will be exhibited by the West Virginia Library Commission and offered for sale. The proceeds will be used to benefit public

library programs in areas of the state that have no public library facilities. The St. Albans Branch Library will exhibit a collection of Mr. Davenport's paintings.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicholas Winnick

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR

FOR

JUNE 1972

Mr. Williamson is at home and doing well. He extends regards and best wishes.

A typewriter was stolen recently when uninvited and unknown "patron(s)" removed the machine from the Dunbar Public Library during the night of June 25, 1972. Police are investigating. The typewriter was on loan from the Kanawha County Public Library. Our insurance carrier has been notified and a claim submitted.

The Corridor Gallery is showing the Dr. H. S. Shapero collection of signed Ray Harm prints. The exhibit is to continue through July, 1972.

Eight neighborhood Youth Corps students from Kanawha County Schools have been assigned work responsibilities at the Kanawha County Public Library and the St. Albans Branch. Each student will work 24 hours a week performing a variety of tasks. The federally funded program will continue through August 25, 1972 and is administered by the Board of Education.

BOYS AND GIRLS DEPARTMENT

Miss Wilma Brown's last Readers Club Program, to promote reading and to develop an appreciation of books among elementary school children, was concluded with the announcement that 68.1% of the student enrollment at Fernbank School received reading club certificates. Miss Brown who retires on August 31, 1972 will be remembered as the "library lady" by children of this generation and by many of their parents.

CATALOG DEPARTMENT

Mrs. Walker reported that 1,197 books were processed and added to the collection which numbers 337,086 volumes.

REFERENCE DEPARTMENT

The teletype machine, in operation since April, 1968, as a link in the state's interlibrary loan network, was removed from the Kanawha County Public Library because of economic reasons. However, the interlibrary loan program will continue to function just as effectively with communications being made directly by telephone. The traffic will be handled by the reference staff at the West Virginia Library Commission.

ST. ALBANS BRANCH

Area artists, art lovers and the general public have been invited to attend a special art exhibition at the Branch on Wednesday, July 5 between 6:00 and 9:00 p.m. Four collections will be featured in a combined show that is one of the most unique art shows ever presented.

One collection consists of thirty framed reproductions of the masters. These reproductions will be made available to the public and business firms on a free-loan basis after August 1. A second collection consists of twelve framed reproductions of the masters in miniature. These reproductions, selected especially for children, will also be made available for loan. The third collection featured in the exhibition includes thirty-four original works of art by thirty-one West Virginia artists. This collection is being presented through the cooperation of the Charleston Art Gallery of Sunrise and will remain in St. Albans for one year. The paintings in this collection will be made available to the public and businesses on a rental basis after August 1. Rental fees will vary from $1 to $3 per month. Art works in this collection are also for sale, with prices between $25 and $300. The fourth collection in the exhibit is a one-man show by Mary Morrison Sutherland, an Ohio artist.

The St. Albans Town Fair is scheduled to begin on Monday, July 10 and conclude on Saturday, July 15, 1972. Good weather is hoped for to assure financial success because a lot of time, talent and energy has been devoted to the project by the St. Albans Library and Recreation Board.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicholas Winnowich

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR

FOR

JULY 1972

The current One-Man Show is by Emilee Denkins of Charleston, West Virginia. Mrs. Denkins studied with Margery Clark, Frances Schepman, Tom Schmader and John Hudkins. She works with watercolors, oils and acrylics. Her work is on display in The John V. Ray Room during the month of August.

Letters of invitation were mailed to presidents of 115 local organizations offering staff assistance with program materials and the use of the Library's facilities as a meeting place. Response has been good particularly in the St. Albans Branch Library.

Recent visitors to the Kanawha County Public Library included a library board member from Illinois who discovered that the "handsome building" was a library that had to be visited and a school librarian from Maryland who was impressed with our drive-in window service.

The Library has been able to purchase office supplies at a substantial savings. For example, we were able to save $348.92 for the six month period ending June 30, 1972. This savings was made possible by the State of West Virginia which buys more of these materials than anyone else and it pays less for them. Office supplies of quality are made available to all governmental units, including public libraries, at cost plus 10%, through the 55 county courts.

Arrangements have been completed with the Board of Education to purchase gasoline for the Library's mobilibrary and truck. The measure is temporary and will last only as long as the Charleston strike continues. A favorable price has been assured. You will recall that

gasoline purchased at the city pump is available to us for .2349 cents per gallon.

I have always been impressed with the quality of service given by our substitute librarians who are called upon frequently for sudden service in the departments serving the public. Vacation time and illness have seldom caused any problems because even a last-minute telephone call always brings an affirmative reply from someone. By identifying these substitute librarians I hope to achieve some degree of recognition for them. They are:

Name	Previous library experience
Mrs. Thelma Amick	Marmet Jr. High School
Miss Rosalie Baker	Dunbar Jr. High School
Mrs. Carole Callard	Cornell University
Mrs. Alice Gygax	Kanawha County Public Library
Miss Sima Shor	Roosevelt Jr. High School
Mrs. Ann Stottlemyer	University of Pittsburgh
Mrs. Sara Wright	Morris Harvey College

The book collection, as of July 31, 1972, numbers 337,463 volumes.

More than 175 art enthusiasts attended Exhibition '72 Open House held on July 5, 1972 in the St. Albans Branch.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicholas Winnick

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR

FOR

AUGUST 1972

"Reaching out" is an effort on the part of the Library to encourage use of its services and facilities in the performance of its function. Last month, for example, letters of invitation were mailed to presidents of 115 organizations suggesting their consideration of the Library as a meeting place. Facilities include The John V. Ray Room and George S. Laidley Room.

The current One-Man Art Show is by Mrs. Emilee Denkins of Charleston and the work is an exhibit in The John V. Ray Room.

Office supplies were purchased by the Library at substantial savings estimated to total $348.00 for the six-month period which ended June 30, 1972. This was made possible by the State of West Virginia, a quantity buyer. Services and price considerations are extended to governmental units including public libraries through the 55 county courts.

Arrangements have been completed with the Board of Education to purchase gasoline for the Library's Mobilibrary and truck at an additional savings of 2 cents on each gallon. The Library has been purchasing gasoline from the City of Charleston at a cost of .2349. The new cost per gallon is .2139.

BOYS AND GIRLS DEPARTMENT

An era closed gently on August 31, 1972 when Wilma G. Brown retired following 28 years of faithful and dedicated service to this institution and its patrons. However, Miss Brown will continue to be useful and valuable to this community and its many readers as she has agreed to act

as a Children's Librarian Consultant to the public libraries of South Charleston, Dunbar and Nitro.

CATALOG DEPARTMENT

A total of 1,147 books were processed and added to the collection which numbers 336,270 volumes.

CIRCULATION DEPARTMENT

Some librarians on vacation trips are interested in and excited about visiting other libraries. Perhaps this is as it should be. Ideas are generated and personal and professional satisfaction is improved and expanded. Visitors included librarians from Yonkers, New York and Manhattan, Kansas. They said many kind things.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicholas Winiwich

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR

FOR

SEPTEMBER 1972

I am pleased to announce that Miss Evelyn Coskey, Extension Department librarian since June, 1964, is the author of a book to be published by Abingdon Press. EASTER EGGS FOR EVERYONE is scheduled to become available for purchase on January 8, 1973. The publisher's catalog describes the book and writer as follows:

> There's more to Easter egg decorating than dip to dye! And this unusual collection of fun, facts, and folklore proves it! This is the book which proves that you don't have to be an artist to produce a beautiful Easter egg decorated with everything from pearls to papier-mache. Beginning with the bewitching legends which surround the egg, an ancient symbol of the universe, the author moves on to simple, easy-to-follow directions for decorating eggs - equipment, dyes, simple and elaborate decorative materials, collage, and carvings. Everyone from five years to 105 (and over) will enjoy the involvement of working on a personal project of egg creations. They can be used for table decorations, parties, games, other holiday decorations, and for the pure fun of it! Included are 16 pages of photographs and drawings in full color, plus numerous ones in black and white. Drawings are by Giorgetta Bell.
>
> <u>What about the author?</u>
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> Evelyn Coskey credits her love of crafts to her Polish grandfather. She often searches for unusual handicrafts in Europe, the fertile source of some of the information in EASTER EGGS FOR EVERYONE. She provides information for a wide variety of people: teachers on all levels from preschool to college, craft leaders, Scout workers, workers with the retarded, etc. In between time spent as an extension librarian in Charleston, West Virginia, she writes feature articles for newspapers and trade journals and reviews books.

The October, 1972 One Man Art Show in The John V. Ray Room is an exhibit by two talented ladies - Rosa Bradford and Patty Herscher. When asked why she painted, Mrs. Herscher replied, "It's fun. It's mine - I

made it." Mrs. Bradford said, "As long as I can remember, I have had the desire for my hands to coordinate with my mind to fulfill a creative urge. I feel that I am a happier and more effective personality because of my artistic endeavors."

Trying to reach people, particularly newcomers who are now residents of Kanawha County, could be a difficult and expensive task. Helping us to "tell our story" are the dedicated ladies of Welcome Wagon and the interesting feature, "New Face In Town," appearing regularly in The Charleston Gazette. The ladies distribute our brochure, a copy of which is attached, and the Gazette's New Face receives a personal letter from the Library Director. The rate of response to this effort is fantastic. Nearly 90% of the invitations to become borrowers are accepted.

The Wall Street Journal said recently that Americans, before too long, may be printing, writing and typing on something called "plaper." "Plaper" looks and feels like conventional paper, but instead of wood pulp, it is made from polymers. Plastic paper is durable, tear resistant, waterproof and, for the time being, expensive.

BOYS AND GIRLS DEPARTMENT

Miss Helen Lind became the new Chief Children's Librarian effective September 1, 1972. She succeeded Miss Wilma Brown who retired on August 31, 1972 following 28 years of service.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS

The building was inspected by members (2) of the Charleston Fire Prevention Bureau on September 13, 1972. There were no problems.

CATALOG DEPARTMENT

A total of 1,354 books were processed and added to the collection which numbers 337,528 volumes.

CIRCULATION DEPARTMENT

Mrs. Sue Stephenson, previously an enrollee in our Public Library Trainee program and more recently a graduate of Florida State University School of Library Science, became Circulation Librarian effective September 1, 1972.

ST. ALBANS BRANCH LIBRARY

Miss Frances Hubbard, another of our Public Library Trainees and a graduate of Atlanta University Library School, began her duties as Branch Children's Librarian on September 1,1972. The Branch is in receipt of a substantial gift of $1,245.00 given by the St. Albans Public Library and Recreation Board to be used to acquire Audio-Visual equipment and materials.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicholas Winnick

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR

FOR

OCTOBER 1972

The State of West Virginia Public Employees Insurance Program made it possible for employees of the Kanawha County Public Library to participate in comprehensive coverage for health/hospitalization and life insurance benefits. Legislation by the West Virginia Legislature extended coverage to employees of county boards of education. The statute which created the Kanawha County Public Library (Chapter 178, Section 5 of the Acts of West Virginia Legislature, 1957 reads that "employees of the public library hereby created shall be deemed to be employees of the board of education."

The benefits to our full-time employees provide adequate coverage at reasonable cost; the employee's share totals 30% while the State of West Virginia contributes 70% of the cost. A total of 49 employees from an eligibility list of 60 have enrolled. The remainder chose not to participate because some member of their family had sufficient coverage. Insurance cost is based on annual compensation.

Health and hospital benefits are covered by Blue Cross and Blue Shield and the life insurance portion (which is a part of the insurance package) is underwritten by The Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States.

The Corridor Gallery is showing, through November, an exhibit of Hook Craft. The works are by students of Mrs. Bess O'Daniel of Dunbar whose classes are held at Sunrise.

Mrs. Georgeanna Ford is exhibiting her water color and acrylic paintings in The John V. Ray Room. The show will continue through November.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS

Mr. James Thomas, Building Superintendent, informed me that we should begin to anticipate repair and replacement of some mechanical equipment. For instance, our humidifier, which makes it possible for staff and patrons to walk across carpeted floors without fear of shock, became inoperative when the heating-coil jackets split. Hence, the unit failed to perform. It is estimated that an expenditure of $500.00 would cover the replacement cost of material. Labor costs are minimal because Thomas and Robert Henson are talented employees who know how to do a "lot of things."

BOYS AND GIRLS DEPARTMENT

A change in staff occurred when Mrs. LindaColeman joined the department on September 1, 1972 filling the vacancy created by Miss Mary Trout who transferred to the Extension Department.

CATALOG DEPARTMENT

A total of 1,447 books were processed and added to the collection which numbers 338,975 volumes.

Noted below is a simple outline of procedures followed in the acquisition of books for the library's collection.

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR

FOR

NOVEMBER 1972

Mr. Robert F. Simmons, a valuable member of our staff since September, 1934, has been absent from work because of a stubborn and lingering illness. He and I are both hoping that the doctor will permit him to return to work be Mid-January or early February. I know you join me in extending wishes for Fitz's speedy recovery.

The library will observe special hours during some days of the holiday season. They are noted as follows:

Saturday, December 23, 1972 - Closed all day

Monday, Christmas Day - Closed all day

Saturday, December 30, 1972 - Closed after 5:00 p.m.

Monday, January 1, 1973 - Closed all day

When the building is closed to the public and staff, it is not left unattended. The building superintendent makes a visit on such occasions (Sundays and holidays) to inspect equipment and to see that everything is as it should be.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS

Mr. James Thomas, building superintendent, has spent much of his time in maintenance and in preparation of mechanical equipment for the winter season. In addition to all of this, one of two humidifier units became inoperative recently. The corrosive effect of Charleston water on the copper jackets which cover and protect the heating elements immersed in water were damaged and replaced. The units were in use for nearly seven years and the repair work was something we could do ourselves. The humidifiers, I might add, are an integral part of the building's ventilating system. The moisture in the

air helps to reduce and/or eliminate static electricity. Stated differently, when one walks across the library's carpeted floor one does not receive an electrical shock when touching a metal object.

CATALOG DEPARTMENT

A total of 1,441 books were processed and added to the collection which numbers 340,416 volumes.

Respectfully submitted,

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR

FOR

DECEMBER 1972

The Library is in receipt of an attractive gift from Mrs. Betty Warner of Charleston. A water color painting entitled, DANCER OFF STAGE, is scheduled to be placed in our Boys and Girls Department.

The local chapter of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers presented the Library with a check for $79.73 which was used to purchase books related to science and technology. It is expected that additional gifts of money, to be used for similar purposes, will be forthcoming.

In spite of several lengthy illnesses affecting three librarians and their absences, other members of the staff performed well and remained healthy - an administrative bonus.

The Kanawha County Public Library has occupied 123 Capitol Street since January 4, 1967. Without any special attention it will observe its sixth anniversary on that date. However, it might be well to note that even after six years of heavy daily use, the physical aspects of the building are as handsome and functional as ever. The carpet, the furniture and general condition of the facility looks good and the equipment operates as it was intended to. This was accomplished, I believe, because of careful planning, constant supervision of a staff that is well-trained and cares and a share of luck.

At some hour prior to 4:00 a.m. on Friday morning, December 15, 1972 an unknown person or persons made a forced and unauthorized entry into the building from the bookmobile loading dock area. The safety-glass on the door was broken and the locking device was released by

reaching through the break. There was no other damage on this floor. The unwelcomed visitor(s) proceeded, apparently, by elevator, to the main floor. To have gone upstairs by the Capitol Street stairwell would have confined him to that area only or until he/they chose to leave through an alarm sounding, emergency exit door. There was minor damage to a desk drawer, some papers were scattered, a pair of scissors were broken and a dollar bill was stolen. Not being able to go to any of the upper floors, after an attempt had been made to "jimmie" a door, the intruder(s) left the building by way of the elevator and the door previously forced. Measures have been taken to discourage and prevent situations of this kind from happening again.

Mrs. Zetta Walker, known to the members of the staff as Peggy, graduated from the University of Pittsburgh, Graduate School of Library Science in December, 1972. Mrs. Walker, a Public Library Trainee who interned at the Kanawha County Public Library in 1971, has degrees from Glenville State College and Marshall University. In addition to her usual responsibilities scheduled to begin in the Adult Circulation Department in January, 1973, Mrs. Walker will be librarian-in-charge of receiving and evaluating thousands of gift books that are given annually to the Library.

ST. ALBANS

Preschool Program (Fall)

The Fall Preschool Program began on Wednesday, October 18, and was continued through December 6. Because of the large registration, two sessions are scheduled each Wednesday - one at 10:15 a.m. and the other at 1:15 p.m. A total of 176 preschoolers registered for the program.

The Fall Preschool Program was structured around the "Adventures of Lollipop Dragon," a series of eight sound filmstrips designed to develop certain attitudes in the participants, such as sharing, working together, avoiding litter, kindness to animals, care of property, and taking turns. These attitudes were reinforced through additional stories, games, activities with a seven-foot animated dragon, and other projects.

Written specifications and descriptions (designed as training and implementation guides) were developed by the Branch staff for each program. Each guide included objectives, procedures, activities, materials, and preliminary evaluation.

Final attendance figures include the following:

Date	10:15 a.m.	1:15 p.m.	Daily Total
Oct. 18	37	51	88
Oct. 25	34	58	92
Nov. 1	34	65	99
Nov. 8	38	65	103
Nov. 15	37	55	92
Nov. 22	30	46	76
Nov. 29	30	61	91
Dec. 6	33	63	96
Total	273	464	737
Average Daily Attendance	34+	58	92+

Program Cost (Exclusive of personnel[1] and equipment[2])

Supplies	$ 28.97
Dragon Construction Materials	64.31
Filmstrip series	72.50[3]
Total	$165.78

[1]Personnel time required for planning, implementing, and evaluating

[2]Record player and filmstrip projector owned by Library

[3]This cost can be amortized, though for purposes of this report it was not, since the filmstrip series will be used in the future by schools, Head Start programs, and in other in-library and outreach programs.

Using the formulae $\frac{x \text{ (total attendance)}}{y \text{ (total cost)}} = z$ (cost per preschooler per day) the cost of the program per preschooler per day may be determined as follows:

$$\frac{737}{\$165.78} = \$.2249$$

Elementary Program (Fall)

The Fall program for children in grades one through seven began on Saturday, November 11, and continued for five consecutive Saturdays, ending December 9. Each program was conducted for 45 minutes beginning at 10:30 a.m. Mainly a film program, puppets, and crafts were also included to add variety and cover a wide range of interest levels. A total of 155 elementary school children were in attendance.

Program Cost (Exclusive of personnel and equipment)

Film rental, postage	\$45.10
Supplies	3.75
Total Cost	\$48.85

Using the formulae $\frac{x \text{ (total attendance)}}{y \text{ (total cost)}} = z$ (cost per child per day) the cost of the program per child per day may be determined as follows:

$$\frac{155}{\$48.85} = \$.3151$$

The Juvenile Department recently acquired several books written for children discussing such topics as drugs, divorce, and death. Titles include: A Month of Sundays, A Sound of Chariots, Death is a Noun, Teacup Full of Roses, and Leap Before You Look. In the past such topics have been considered exclusively for adult literature; fortunately, however, authors are beginning to realize that death,

divorce, and drugs touch children's lives and are beginning to write many excellent books treating these topics.

The Branch will serve as a polling place for the special school levy on February 13.

Respectfully submitted,

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR

FOR

JANUARY 1973

An advance copy of Easter Eggs for Everyone by Miss Evelyn Coskey, Extension Librarian, was made available to us by Abingdon Press. The book was inscribed by the author, who, incidentally, has several autographing parties scheduled in area book stores. If my memory serves me correctly, the only other staff member to be published was Mr. Charles Butler who served previously (during the late '30's and in the mid 50's) as Library Director. Mr. Butler is the author of Cut is the Branch, a collection of poetry, and, Follow Me Ever, a novel.

Mr. James E. Stewart, Vocational Rehabilitation Center, Institute, West Virginia, gave the Director copies of photographs showing the ease with which Miss Phyllis Mathews, a wheelchair client, visited the library building and used its facilities. It was reported that the building was the most accessible of any in downtown Charleston.

The Fire Prevention Bureau of the Charleston Fire Department has over-the-years, made periodic and unannounced inspections of the library building. For example, they searched for "hazardous conditions," some 131 items as noted on their printed report form. Following their most recent inspection, January 8, 1973, Captain O. R. Smith reported the following which I should like to share with you. He said, "You and your staff are to be complimented on a well-kept building - this inspection was a pleasure."

BOYS AND GIRLS DEPARTMENT

Traditional Saturday morning puppet shows have been discontinued temporarily as of January, 1973, until new programming and scheduling

can be put into effect. We think we want to do things a little differently and perhaps with a broader audience. In the meantime, plans are underway to initate programs for pre-school children and their parents. Our experience in St. Albans Branch, which is tremendously successful, tells us to expect much of the same in Charleston.

On Saturday afternoon, January 27, 1973, the department was host to a meeting of individuals interested in Puppetry and Libraries. Although many of the 20 persons attending were from Kanawha County, the others were from Wheeling, Huntington, Ripley and Beckley.

Miss Wilma Brown, our Children's Librarian, Emeritus, continues to be enthusiastic about her work with the public library staff and friends in South Charleston, Dunbar and Nitro, West Virginia. She serves as their specialist or consultant in Children's literature and reading, book selection and in story hour and puppet shows.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS

Mr. Clarence Jones, a member of the custodial staff since September 19, 1966 resigned effective January 25, 1973.

Mr. Moses Adams, custodian, was transferred from St. Albans Branch to the main library effective January 22, 1973.

Mr. Walter Dowdy, custodian, St. Albans Branch, was employed effective January 22, 1973.

CATALOG DEPARTMENT

A total of 1,393 books were processed and added to the collection which numbers 342,381 volumes.

CIRCULATION DEPARTMENT

The library was closed on Thursday, January 25, 1973 for the funeral of Former President Lyndon B. Johnson.

ST. ALBANS BRANCH

The Branch will serve as a polling place for the special school levy to be held February 13, 1973.

Nearly 80 Winfield High School students are scheduled to visit the branch on February 1, and again on February 8 for the purpose of getting acquainted with public libraries and how one should use such facilities.

An all-day inservice training session for approximately 90 Kanawha County Board of Education school library aides has been scheduled for March 31, 1973 and will be held in the Community Room (Auditorium - second floor). Branch personnel will be responsible for the morning sessions; school board personnel will prepare the afternoon session.

The response to our Pre-School Program - Winter Session has been overwhelming. The effort has grown to giant proportions from a modest beginning. There are 2 sessions twice each week. Parents come as far as Hurricane and Toronado. The reaction of adults has been enthusiastic. In spite of car pools, the branch library activity is generating a lot of traffic in the area. Fortunately, our next door and kind neighbor, Kroger, has said little about the library folk taking up parking spaces in their lot.

Nicholas Winovich

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR

FOR

FEBRUARY 1973

Some people say that libraries will be bookless in one hundred years, containing machines to retrieve information stored on electronic tapes. Others doubt it.

Punch, the British humor magazine, reports that a new aid to rapid learning has made its appearance. It contains no mechanical parts to break down or need replacing, and does not have to be connected to anything. If it catches on, the electronic devices will be so much junk. Called the Built In Orderly Organized Knowledge, it is known by its initials: BOOK.

The Library's Spring Film Festival, made possible by Grant-In-Aid funds, was begun on February 22, 1973 with the showing of the following films:

Our Wife (Laurel and Hardy)
Keeping In Shape (Robert Benchley)
Mabel's Married Life (Charlie Chaplin)
Thrills and Spills (Great Chase Scenes)

The films are shown the second and fourth Thursday of each month beginning February 22 and ending June 7, 1973. Showings are at the Main Library at 3:30 p.m. and in the St. Albans Branch at 8:00 p.m. The public is invited and admission is free at both locations.

The Library Director, Miss Hubbard and Mr. Willits attended the dedication of the first Instant Library in West Virginia. The ceremony was held in Man on February 25, 1973.

BOYS AND GIRLS DEPARTMENT

Miss Helen Lind, who helped to organize a pre-school activity in the St. Albans Branch, has begun a similar program at the main library. Some features include: puppet shows and story hours for the children and children's literature and coffee for the parent (usually mother). Serving coffee on occasions such as this was made possible with the receipt of a gift of $100.00 by someone who wishes to remain anonymous but is certainly a generous and kind friend.

CATALOG DEPARTMENT

Mrs. Doris B. Walker, Chief, Catalog Librarian since July, 1968 resigned effective February 16, 1973. Mrs. Annie Liu, an assistant in the Department since August 1, 1969, will assume additional responsibilities until a successor is appointed.

CIRCULATION DEPARTMENT

Most of our library patrons, particularly at this time of year, are junior and senior high school students who are working on term papers. The young people, for the most part, go about their work with little or no noise and confusion. Certainly nothing like it used to be. It's all library business and no monkey business.

ST. ALBANS BRANCH

Mr. Willits and Miss Hubbard have agreed to help the good people of Sumerco Elementary School, Lincoln County, to develop a school library. Several visits have been made to the Branch by a committee representing the school. Everybody seems to be excited about the project including staff members.

EXTENSION DEPARTMENT

As more Kanawha County Citizens learn of our services to the visually and physically handicapped, our circulation of Talking Books is immediately affected. Last month, lending of such materials accounted for 262 Talking Books. We're confident that it will go much higher and we are capable of extending ourselves in this direction without stress and strain. We have a strong "bull-pen" in the folks at the Library of Congress and West Virginia Library Commission who respond quickly and effectively to every request for additional Talking Books.

Respectfully submitted,

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR

FOR

MARCH 1973

The emphasis on art exhibits in The John V. Ray Room is on One Person Shows; previously referred to as One Man Shows. Like people and times, titles also change. As a matter of record, it should be noted that works of the following artists were exhibited:

Arthur V. Haynes	- January and February, 1973
Lucina Keene	- March, 1973
Bertha Conaway	April, 1973

After the opening night preview and reception the show generally remains for one month. Arrangements and details are handled by the Allied Artists of West Virginia, whose Kanawha Valley contingency is quite large.

BOYS AND GIRLS DEPARTMENT

Miss Connie Shearer and Mr. Ferrell Friend of The Charleston Gazette on Wednesday, April 4, 1973 described and photographed our Pre-School Story Hour Program most effectively. The very expressive pictures generated so much interest among parents whose pre-school children were not a part of the library scene that registrations became heavy and it is anticipated that another section will have to be scheduled.

In the meantime, we continue to encourage visits to the library by headstart, kindergarten and elementary school boys and girls.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS

The early days of March, if my memory serves me correctly, were rather meek and mild. So much so that it became imperative to consider beginning another season of air-conditioning. The unit had been serviced, in February, and was ready for operation following introduction of certain

chemicals to the water supply (to keep the level of algae and "gunk" to a minimum).

CATALOG DEPARTMENT

Mrs. Annie Liu was appointed by the Library Board, Chief, Catalog Department effective March 26, 1973.

Mrs. Sue Stephenson was transferred from Circulation Department to Catalog Department effective March 26, 1973.

Mrs. Liu and other members of the department have been outstanding in the performance of their duties. Improvements in daily routines alone have helped to create a better attitude while emphasizing the worthwhile and important.

A total of 2,137 books were processed and added to the collection which numbers 345,453 volumes.

ST. ALBANS LIBRARY

The Learning Resources Center of Kanawha County Schools conducted a one-day in-service educational program on Saturday, March 31, 1973 in the Branch Library. The program was entitled, Public Libraries for Public Schools. Seventy Library and Instructional Materials Center personnel (school library aides) attended. Program activities were cooperatively planned and implemented by school and library personnel.

A six-week creative arts and crafts workshop for students enrolled in grades 1 through 8 began March 29. Two workshops will be held each Thursday from 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m; one for students in grades 1 to 4;

one for students in grades 5 to 9.

The purpose of this program is to utilize arts and crafts literature from the Branch book collection and to provide elementary and junior high school students an opportunity to make creative crafts regardless of their creative abilities. The workshops cover a wide range of crafts, including leather, wood, cardboard, clay, spool crafts, papier mache, painting, etc. The program will be free and all craft materials will be provided by the St. Albans Library Board. Enrollment is limited to 60 participants.

Supplementing the arts and crafts workshops, the Library and workshop participants will conduct an outdoor exhibit on Library and City of St. Albans property on May 5 from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m During the exhibit period the students will be given the opportunity to sell their products to the general public. All receipts from sales will belong to the individual craftsmen.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicholas Winovich

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR

FOR

APRIL 1973

Mr. Terry Marchal, in the Monday morning edition, May 7, 1973, of the Charleston Gazette writing about a survey to determine the popularity of the Governor in the first four months of his second term and to grade the performance of the Legislature in its recent session, noted the following:

> "In many years of polling by the Gazette in Kanawha County, the highest rating ever attained by an institution or individual in a survey of this type was an 82 scored by the Kanawha County Public Library. Moore's grade in the recent Gazette poll was the second highest and among only a few passing marks in the poll's history. The legislature's grade was among the lowest."

Our Jail Library Program seems to be "on the track" again following a period of inactivity. Mr. Bowman, Mr. Smith (Librarian in Charge), and I visited with Lt. Bailes and Sheriff Melton on Thursday afternoon, May 3, 1973. We were shown the reconstructed fourth floor area which will, among other things, house the library in an attractive and adequate room. Information was exchanged and enthusiasm for the project was shared by all persons present. Mr. Bowman promised to make a more complete report at a future meeting of the Library Board.

The Library will be closed all day on Monday, May 28, 1973 in observance of Memorial Day.

Mr. Harry White, Chairman, Board of Trustees, Southern West Virginia Chapter, National Multiple Sclerosis Society, commenting on a series of articles which appeared recently in the Charleston Gazette-Mail on the accessibility of the library building by disabled and elderly patrons,

extended "sincere gratitude...in eliminating the deterents for the handicapped at the Kanawha County Public Library." He concluded his letter of March 14, 1973 by saying that "The Officers and Board of Trustees of the Southern W. Va. Chapter, National Multiple Sclerosis Society offer their appreciation and praise for your interest in this matter."

The St. Albans Branch Library will be closed on Saturdays during the summer months of June, July and August. Saturday hours will be resumed following the Labor Day observance in September. The preceeding is consistent with a resolution adopted by the Library Board at its meeting held on May 11, 1971.

The Monday, April 9, 1973 issue of the Christian Science Monitor carried the following editorial which is quoted in its entirety:

"Libraries are American"

"Should federal support for libraries be made through direct grants or lumped together in general revenue sharing packaging?

"This is the issue now facing Congress. Congress must decide whether (1) to go along with Mr. Nixon's wish to end the $140 million a year direct federal grant program this July and let public, school, and college libraries compete for general revenue sharing money, or (2) to protect library spending under the categorical grant programs in the fiscal 1974 Labor-Health, Education, and Welfare spending bill.

"The answer to the question depends on whether one is primarily a believer in libraries or in the philosophy of returning spending decisions to lower levels of government. In this case our weight comes down on the side of the libraries.

"True, only some 7 percent of the total spending on libraries in America comes from the federal government. But that is an important share. In a large library system such as Detroit's, it is enough to pay for the magazine subscriptions of all its branches. Or it frees enough money to keep libraries open for an adequate span of hours. It helps pay

for special library programs - as for the blind or otherwise handicapped. It enables groups of libraries to pool resources. Under revenue sharing, as the backers of categorical library grants point out, there would be no guarantee that libraries could hold their own against the claims of, say, police and fire departments for a share of the federal pie.

"A library is a keystone in every community. Libraries are marvelous in themselves: As novelist Richard McKenna described them in his recent book 'New Eyes for Old,' they are 'like a town with thousands of movies all showing at once, and you could go to any one you wished at any time or place that pleased you, and the others would all still be showing any time you wanted to see them, and, best of all, it did not cost anything.'

"Libraries are American. They are the fulfillment of Abe Lincoln's passion for books and learning which led him to walk miles to borrow them and study long hours before the dim fire.

"They reflect freedom of opportunity to learn, to engage, the best thinkers of the past. They are quiet places in a neighborhood where one can seek out higher ideas than the tawdry or too affluent community itself projects.

"A clearly staked out federal interest in libraries, as in the support of public broadcasting, puts the weight of government directly behind the value of learning. This support should not be jeopardized."

The Board of Trustees of the Ohio County Public Library cordially invites members of the Kanawha County Public Library Board of Directors to a formal opening of their new library to be held on Saturday afternoon, May 19, 1973 at two o'clock.

CATALOG DEPARTMENT

Mrs. Liu reported that 2,186 books were processed and added to the collection which numbers 347,465 volumes.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS

Several inspections were made recently and they should be noted. The West Virginia Department of Civil Defense on April 2, 1973 viewed the building which was designated previously as a shelter and checked food, water

and medical supplies which are located in the furance room. This visit was followed by another inspection. On April 5, 1973 the insurance company representatives "checked-out" the two boilers to make sure that the safety devices were working properly and that no cracks appeared in the heating tubes. We were assured, in both instances, that "everything was all right."

CIRCULATION DEPARTMENT

The Board of Education and the Library cooperated in an exhibit of textbooks being considered for adoption by the school board. Books on science, biology, chemistry, physics, elementary reading and spelling were made available for borrowing. Readers were invited to comment and nearly a dozen did.

EXTENSION DEPARTMENT

Some years ago, in cooperation with the Ladies Auxiliary of Charleston Memorial Hospital an extension of service was begun. We made a collection of nearly 500 titles available to the hospital for the reading purposes and pleasure of the patients. The program was serviced through the auxiliary by volunteers and has flourished since the beginning. The collection is constantly up-dated with new and different titles. The reaction of all parties concerned seems to be favorable with a desire to continue.

REFERENCE DEPARTMENT

One of the interesting questions of many received in a period one month (often in excess of 700) by our staff was a telephone call received by Miss June Martin. She noted the following:

> "On the morning of March 16, 1973 an editor called from Simon & Schuster, publishers in New York City. She is working with a writer who is writing a novel on West Virginia in the nineteenth century and wanted background information on West Virginia in this period, names of books and recent novels of West Virginia.

"Among questions they were interested in were coal miners homes, lumber camps, company stores, sanitation, schools of the period, etc.

"They also wanted information on the fiction of Mary Lee Settle and Yesterday's People by Jack Weller."

The Charleston Area Chamber of Commerce is the sponsor of the Home Show held annually at the Civic Center. In 1972 for the very first time, several of us were able to convince the Chamber Board of Directors that cultural and educational institutions and organizations should be permitted to be present by exhibit. We in effect said that when business, industry and the home buyer moves into Kanawha County, he also gets in-the-bargain such institutions and organizations as: Kanawha County Public Library, West Virginia State College, Morris Harvey College, Kanawha County Schools, Sunrise, Charleston Symphony, Light Opera Guild, Kanawha Players and others. They agreed to accept us and the Civic Center provided us with space, tables and other considerations at no cost. Mr. Robert Willits, St. Albans Branch Librarian, served well and with distinction as General Chairman.

So, for the second year, April 26-29,1973, the Kanawha County Public Library and others were there "doing our thing." Helping us to tell our story to the thousands of visitors were 16 members of the staff. They demonstrated equipment (talking book machines) answered questions and distributed literature.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicholas Winnick

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR

FOR

MAY 1973

I am pleased to report that The Children's Theatre of Charleston, West Virginia presented a gift of Five Hundred Dollars ($500.00) to the Kanawha County Public Library in honor of Miss Wilma G. Brown, formerly Chief, Children's Librarian. Miss "Library Lady" shared much of her time and enthusiasm with Children's Theatre and was involved in many of its productions. She is remembered with affection by this collection of books devoted to the theater. The gift was received and acknowledged in April, 1973.

Miss Evelyn Coskey, Extension Librarian and author of Easter Eggs for Everyone, published in January, 1973 by Abindgon Press, received a Certificate of Award from Printing Industries of America. The presentation was made to her, the publisher and the designer because it was the Association's desire "to recognize and honor those responsible for the design, creation and production of printed material of outstanding merit and distinction."

The reviews of Miss Coskey's book, if graded on a scale of favorable, unfavorable and mixed, have been favorable. The New York Times Book Review, for example, called it a "definitive egg book" and its reviewer said that "Evelyn Coskey has made Easter Egg art the craft I would like to master." The Horn Book Magazine, a periodical devoted to Children's Literature and reading, identified the Coskey book as an "extensive compendium of information about Easter eggs."

The Kanawha Valley Historical and Preservation Society, Inc., held its organizational meeting on Saturday, May 12, 1973 at Morris Harvey College. The membership roster includes several persons of the library staff. The Library Director is a member of the Board of Directors.

The Library Director was elected Vice-President of the Middle Atlantic Regional Library Federation's Board of Directors. Membership includes two representatives from each of the folloiwng library associations: West Virginia, Pennsylvania, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Delaware and District of Columbia.

The local chapter of the West Virginia Society of CPA's is considering the possibility of making a gift of $3,000.00 to one or several library institutions located in the Charleston area. The money would be spent on books on accounting and related periodicals. Several conversations have been held with Mr. Willard H. Erwin, Jr., who represents the Society.

The current art shows are by Mary L. McMinn, exhibiting "24 Works" in The John V. Ray Room and Rosa Bradford, displaying a "Student Art Show" by students enrolled in the Kanawha County Adult Education Program.

BOYS AND GIRLS DEPARTMENT

The experimental pre-school story hour program was concluded successfully on May 24, 1973. The reaction of parents and staff was favorable. The four sessions attracted 104 boys and girls who were accompanied by a far-less number of mothers. The generosity of a "library friend" made it possible to serve coffee to the mothers who cared enough to bring their children and others to a story hour at 10:30 a.m.

Miss Wilma Brown and Miss Helen Lind were participants in a special workshop on the small library sponsored by the West Virginia Library Commission. The meetings were held at Pipestem State Park on May 9 and 10, 1973. Both Miss Brown and Miss Lind spoke on children's activities in the library.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS.

The City's new communications network which includes a "fire reporting system" is a part of the library's fire preventions and safety program. Everyone of the building's heat sensors and smoke detectors is connected by telephone cable to the Charleston Fire Department. The monthly charge for this service is $8.70. A signal initiated by any of the safety devices will bring an immediate response, thereby preventing serious damage or loss to life and/or property. Our insurance carrier has been notified and has commented favorably.

CATALOG DEPARTMENT

A total of 2,523 books were added to the collection which numbers 349,891 volumes.

EXTENSION DEPARTMENT

The Extension Department continues to provide a unique service to our visually handicapped readers particularly when "talking book" needs are not available from the Library of Congress on phonograph recordings, magnetic tapes or cassettes. In instances of this kind the library becomes the producer. A recording machine and magnetic tapes are made available through the West Virginia Library Commission and volunteer readers are recruited from among the membership of Kanawha Players and Light Opera Guild. There are no out-of-pocket expenses. Copyright

clearances are handled by the Library of Congress. One copy of the tape is loaned to the borrower and the other print is sent to Washington, D. C. Mr. Hubert Davis recently recorded a textbook entitled American Government by Feissel for a teacher and Counselor of the blind.

ST. ALBANS

A six-week creative arts and crafts workshop for boys and girls enrolled in grades 1 through 8 was implemented March 29 and concluded May 5, 1973. The program was designed to make extensive use of arts and crafts literature available at the Branch and to provide elementary and junior high school students an opportunity to make creative crafts regardless of their abilities. The response was overwhelming. A hundred reservations were received although only 60 could be accomodated.

A spring pre-school program was conducted for a four-week period beginning May 9 and ending May 30, 1973. The program was called "Animal Adventure" and was designed to explore the animal world through rhymes, fables, fairy tales, filmstrips, prints and visits with live animals. The animals were loaned by Gloria's Pet Shop and by private individuals. The animals included lizards, tree frogs, bull frogs, turtles, dogs, flying squirrels, hampsters, cats and birds. I hasten to add that there were no bites, scratches nor accidents of any kind.

The St. Albans Public Library and Recreation Board, Inc., has approved a gift of $3,000.00 which will be used by the Branch in its special programs involving children and adults.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicholas Winovich

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR

FOR

JUNE 1973

Some of the mail addressed to the Library and/or Director, on occasion, is not complimentary, but almost always interesting. Although we prefer the favorable commentary perhaps we learn from the exclamatory. For example, a lettered note from a 12 year old boy, obviously upset after receiving an overdue notice, exclaimed that "Your nuts" and "Crazy if you think I have that book." We since have communicated, by mail, with the young man seeking to explain the situation while requesting an understanding and appreciation of the facts in the case.

The jail library project was completed last month with the installation of surplus library furniture including steel shelving, tables, chairs and study carrels, together with 2,000 books including Young Adult and juvenile titles. Open house was held on June 14, 1973. Pictures and stories appeared in the Daily Mail and Gazette. The library is located in one of the rooms on the renovated fourth floor of the Court House. The room measures approximately 20' x 20'. It is air-conditioned, paneled, has fluorescent lights and accoustic ceiling tile and with its collection of quality books and attractive furniture resembles a first class operation. Comments of officials, community representatives who were present were favorable. The mechanics of library operation are the responsibility of Mr. Smith of our staff, who is assisted by a member of the Sheriff's security staff and a committee of inmates.

Mr. Hoyt Galvin and Dean Frank Sessa were in Charleston June 14-15, 1973 to begin their survey. When they heard of the jail library project they both expressed a desire to attend the open house. They were, of course, quite favorably impressed.

The current art shows are noted as follows:

The John V. Ray Room

"Exhibition of Honor Paintings." The selections include works prepared by students enrolled in Adult Education, Art Department, Kanawha County Schools.

Corridor Gallery

"Student Art Show." The works are representative of Commercial art students in training at the Benjamin Franklin Career and Technical Center located in Dunbar, West Virginia.

BOYS AND GIRLS

One of a series of summer time activities in our Boys and Girls Department - to create and/or sustain reading of library materials among children - involves the use of film. Our weekly film series began on June 21, 1973 and is scheduled to continue through much of August. It attracts a great deal of attention among children and some parents. The average attendance, for example, numbers 35 persons. The films are always based on some outstanding juvenile book. Other summer activities for children include such things as Summer Reading Club, Bookmark Design Contest, Puppet Shows and story hours.

Miss Wilma Brown, Children's Librarian Consultant to the public libraries of Dunbar, Nitro and South Charleston continues to do an outstanding job. I know the working visits provide her with a great deal of personal and professional satisfaction. She has helped to organize puppet show activities and story hour clubs in many areas of the county where none existed previously. She is always received with notes of appreciation from children, some of whom are just learning to write (print).

BUILDING AND GROUNDS

The insurance carrier's Boiler Inspector reported that the heating plant, consisting of two units, was operating in a satisfactory and safe condition. The inspector suggested that the burners be adjusted so as to provide a cleaner flame. On explanation he said the mixture was too rich which resulted in excessive sooting. He also recommended that the water treatment be altered in order to reduce the accumulation of sludge and scale. Both recommendations are in process of being implemented. It is expected that the work, including replacement of some fire brick, should be completed by the middle of July.

One of our big problems last month concerned the replacement of a custodian who resigned to accept another job. In spite of many helpful individuals and agencies, referals consisted mostly of "losers" and recently graduated young men. However, I am sure that we will find the kind of experienced man we want.

CATALOG DEPARTMENT

A total of 1,449 books were added to the collection which numbers 350,889 volumes.

ST. ALBANS

The West Virginia College of Graduate Studies requested the Kanawha County Public Library and Library Director to provide a field experience for one student during the Summer. The student, Mrs. Virginia Morris, a candidate for the Masters of Education Degree, was placed in the Children's Department at the St. Albans Branch during the month of June. Mrs. Morris worked a total of 100 hours to become familiar with the operations of the library and to receive experience in working with children. Her work was outstanding.

One of the very popular areas of the library and probably our most heavily used room is the Community Room (Auditorium). During the period of November 1, 1971 through June 30, 1973 (20 months) a total of 625 meetings have been conducted in the Branch by local groups and organizations.

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Respectfully submitted,